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9 January 1950

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILES

FROM: Chief, CIA Library, OCD

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Visited [redacted] with [redacted] to discuss the new reserve stock figures for NIS publications. Figures were quoted at 116 copies for basic bound inviolate set, and 100 unbound elements for extra dissemination needs as each section is issued. The maximum reserve stock would therefore be 216 copies for any given section; this figure is a theoretical maximum since there are always some copies issued from the unbound element set.

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The Records Center's inventory of NIS stock copies revealed that for each section thus far issued there existed stock copies in excess of the theoretical maximum. [redacted] requested permission to destroy all stock copies in excess of 216. [redacted] agreed that the request was logical but deferred decision until clearing the problem with [redacted]

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Shortly after the meeting, [redacted] received a call from [redacted] who informed him that [redacted] requested that no destruction of stock copies take place at this time. This decision was based on [redacted] desire to forestall action until certain dissemination requirements of the NIS Committee were made official and firm.

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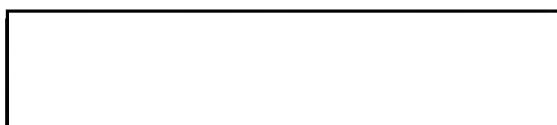
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Follow-up:

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1. D/NIS still not convinced anything should be destroyed.
2. D/NIS still indefinite as to when requirements will become "firm."
3. D/NIS is still waiting for final approval from the inter-departmental NIS committee and I&SS regarding this point.
4. D/NIS has again emphasized that they are aware of our need for this information and of our problem of space limitation.

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